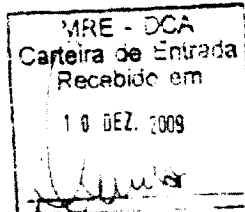


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No. 443

Your Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Framework Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil on Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, signed at Brasilia March 1, 1996, as extended (hereinafter referred to as "the 1996 Agreement").

I am pleased to recognize the significant achievements in cooperative activities in space of the two Governments under the 1996 Agreement, and to express the desire of the United States that their mutually beneficial relationship continues.

Accordingly, noting that the 1996 Agreement is currently set to expire on January 31, 2010, I, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, have the honor to propose that the 1996 Agreement, consistent with Article 13 thereof, be extended for an additional two years, through January 31, 2012.

DIPLOMATIC NOTE

I further propose that if this arrangement is acceptable to the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil, this Note and your affirmative reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments to extend the 1996 Agreement, which shall enter into force on the date of your reply Note, with effect from January 31, 2010.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Lisa Kubiske

Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.

Embassy of the United States of America



Brasilia, December 10, 2009.



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January 5, 2010

Madam Charge d'Affaires:

I have the honor to refer to Note No. 443, dated December 10, 2009, the

Portuguese translation of which reads as follows:

[The Portuguese-language translation of note verbale No. 443 of December 10, 2009, has been found to have the same meaning as the original in all substantive respects.]

Considering the importance of the above-cited Agreement to bilateral cooperation in space between Brazil and the United States, I have the honor to accept Your Excellency's proposal, and to confirm our understanding that your note verbale, together with this reply, constitute an agreement between our two Governments to extend the above-mentioned Framework Agreement through January 31, 2012, which shall enter into force on the signature date of this note.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

[s] Ruy Nunes Pinto Nogueira

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